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Selectmen's Minutes 10-17-2005

TOWN OF ARLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 17, 2005

7:15 p.m.

Present: Mr. Hurd, Chair, Mrs. Dias, Vice Chair, Mr. Greeley, Mrs. Mahon, and Ms. LaCourt.

Also present: Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Maher, and Mrs. Sullivan

FOR APPROVAL

Minutes of Meeting: September 12, 2005, August 1, 2005, April 26, 2004

Mr. Greeley moved approval on 9/12/05 minutes. SO VOTED (5-0)

Mr. Greeley moved approval on 8/1/05 minutes. SO VOTED (5-0)

Mr. Greeley moved approval on 4/26/04 minutes. SO VOTED (4-0-1)

Ms. LaCourt abstained from voting.

APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS

2. Appointment: Interim Treasurer

Alfred Fantini

Mr. Greeley moved approval for Mr. Fantini to be interim Treasurer and Parking Clerk when Mr. Bilafer retires from each position. SO VOTED (5-0)

3. Appointment: Town Finance Organization Study Committee

Mr. Greeley moved to appoint Charlie Lyons. SO VOTED (4-1)

Mrs. Mahon voted in the negative.

Ms. LaCourt asked to be a representative of the Budget & Revenue Task Force.

Mrs. Dias moved to appoint Annie LaCourt as Chairman pro temp to the committee.

SO VOTED (5-0)

4. Report: Arlington Public Memorials Committee

Alan McClennen Park

Mrs. Dias moved approval. SO VOTED (4-1)

Mrs. Mahon voted in the negative.

5. Appointment: Cyrus E. Dallin Art Museum

Heather Leavell

(term to expire 10/08)

Mrs. Mahon moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)

6. Reappointment: Board of Library Trustees

Kathleen Fennelly

(term to expire 10/21/08)

Mrs. Dias moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Mrs. Mahon encouraged everyone to join "the friends of Robbins Library" which can be done on the website.

Mr. Greeley encouraged everyone to join the library read and discussion on November 9th, the book is "Snow in August" and he recommends it highly.

7. Reappointment: Trust Fund Commission

Timothy Lordan

(term to expire 10/1/08)

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

8. Reappointment: Open Space Committee

Jo-Martha Glushko

Roland Chaput

(terms to expire 9/30/08)

Mr. Greeley moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

9. Reappointment: Personnel Board

Cynthia Gallagher

(term to expire 10/15/08)

Mrs. Dias moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

LICENSES & PERMITS

10. Request: One Day Beer & Wine License, 10/23/05, Regent Theatre

Patricia Davis

Mr. Greeley moved approval subject to conditions set forth.

SO VOTED (5-0)

11. Request: One Day All Alcoholic Beverage License, 10/23/05

Anthony Dello Russo, Retired Men's Club, St. Camillus Church Hall

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

12. Request: Common Victualler License

Nassar Ghibih, President d/b/a Baba Miro Corp., Fabiano's, 882B Mass. Ave.

Ms. LaCourt moved approval subject to conditions set forth.

SO VOTED (5-0)

13. Request: Food Vendor License

Constantinos & Elaine Mavrommatis d/b/a Louie's Italian Place, 916 Mass. Ave.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

14. Request: 4 One-Day Liquor Licenses

Arlington Catholic High School

11/5/05 6:00 p.m. – 12:00 p.m.

11/26/05 4:00 p.m. – 12:00 p.m.

3/25/06 6:00 p.m. – 12:00 p.m.

5/12/06 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Mr. Greeley moved approval subject to conditions set forth.

SO VOTED (5-0)

15. Request: Charity Walk

The Children's Room

Ms. LaCourt moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

7:30 p.m.

16. Public Hearing – Board of Survey Approval

Andrews Way

Attorney Annese represented the developer, David Burns, regarding Andrews Way.

There was concern expressed by the Board regarding the Planning Department's comments on drainage for the two new homes and the neighborhood.

Ms. Catherine Buckley, resident of 41 Old Colony Road, agreed to be the contact person regarding the list of concerns that the abutters brought to the meeting.

After much discussion it was agreed more time is needed to look at the concerns.

Mr. Hurd requested this private way be referred to the Transportation Advisory Committee for review and recommendations before the next meeting.

Mr. Greeley moved to table until the November 21st meeting. SO VOTED (5-0)

17. CITIZENS OPEN FORUM

These matters were presented for consideration of the Board.

Jeanne O'Leary presented a petition with 514 signatures against allowing a dog park at Hill's Hill Park. She requested the Selectmen and Mr. Sullivan to not allow a dog park at this park and also recommended that no dog park be allowed in Arlington.

Mr. Sullivan restated that he will research dog park facts and merits then make recommendations.

Mr. Joseph Rosselli, 14 Lake St., requested that the Town Meeting Home Rule Petition regarding Civil Service be researched and pursued further.

Mr. Rosselli also requested information for a friend regarding fence liability from Town tree damage. Mr. Hurd asked Mr. Sullivan to research the issue.

18. NStar Update

Bill Zamparelli, NStar, Community Relations

Mr. Zamparelli reported on Arlington's System Performance and Construction Update.

Phase One and Phase Two are complete. Phase Three is now scheduled for completion December 31, 2005. Phase Four is pending with engineering for this phase underway and on going. Arlington will be the state of the art technology for NSTAR.

More specific information and responses to questions were answered in a power point presentation by the engineering staff.

Mrs. Dias moved receipt of report.

SO VOTED (5-0)

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS

19. Request: Crosswalk or Traffic Light

L. Giliberto, 264 Mass. Ave. #104

Mrs. Mahon referred to the Transportation Advisory Committee. SO VOTED (5-0)

20. Discussion: Thorndike Field

Ed Starr, Chair, Transportation Advisory Committee

Mr. Greeley moved to institute the first recommendation of placing "No Parking" signs on the inbound side of the entrance up to the parking area and referred the other three recommendations to Mr. Sullivan for action. SO

VOTED (5-0)

21. Discussion: Crosby Street & College Avenue

Ed Starr, Chair, Transportation Advisory Committee

Mr. Greeley moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

22. Report: Selectmen Goals

John W. Hurd, Chair

Ms. LaCourt moved receipt of goals.

SO VOTED (5-0)

The voting of the goals was tabled until the October 24th meeting.

23. Approval: 2006 Health Insurance Rates:

Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Jack Sharry, of Group Benefits Strategies, the Town's group health insurance consultant, presented the proposed health insurance rates per plan for calendar year 2006. Kenneth Hughes, Chair of the Health Insurance Advisory Committee refuted 3 of the 6 recommended plan increases; he recommended a 5% decrease rather than a 1%

decrease on Blue Choice; he recommended a 10% increase on HMO Blue rather than a 15% increase and he recommended a 4% increase in Medex rather than the proposed 7.77% increase. There was much discussion on the reasons for the increases and methodology of how the numbers were formulated.

Mr. Greeley made the following motion for next year's plans:

- Blue Choice a 5% decrease
- HMO Blue a 12.5% increase
- Major Medical a 11% increase
- Master Health Plus a 5% decrease
- Medex a 6% increase
- Managed Blue for Seniors a 7.13% increase

SO VOTED (5-0)

The Board agreed to re-look at the numbers in March 2006 and adjust amounts if necessary.

Mr. Sullivan cautioned the Board that the recommended numbers are made on sound actuary facts and to deviate arbitrarily is not good fiscal planning

24. Update: Peirce Field

John F. Maher, Town Counsel

Mr. Maher reported that the field should be completed by the end of this month and stresses it is a great community asset not just a school asset. He anticipates when the project is finished the Industrial Parties will trigger the dispute mechanism.

Mr. Maher estimates that the Town of Arlington will have some potential responsibility but much smaller than the overrun.

25. Request: Expenditure from Selectmen's Cable Fund

John F. Maher, Town Counsel

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Correspondence Received

Vincent Livoti Naming of new stadium Be Rec'd
22 Indian Rd.
Waltham

Jeanne Leary Leash free dog park on Hill's Hill Be Rec'd
425 Summer St.

Mary Whitney Freedom's Way Be Rec'd
100 Sherman Ave.
Devens, MA

Travis Corcoran Mt. Gilboa house/hurricane evacuee Be Rec'd
39 Evergreen Ln.

Jon Whitney Marathon Street Stop Sign Be Rec'd
53 Marathon St.

Travis Corcoran Letter showing praise and recognition for Diane Scuderi Be Rec'd
39 Evergreen Ln.

Aaron & Angelika Speeding concerns on Crosby St. Be Rec'd
Leventhal
14 Crosby St.

John F. Maher Cable related matters Be Rec'd

Town Counsel

Ms. LaCourt referred the Mt. Gilboa letter to Mr. Sullivan for action.

Mr. Hurd referred the Marathon and Crosby Street correspondence to the Transportation Advisory Committee for recommendations.
SO VOTED (5-0)

Mrs. Mahon moved receipt of correspondence.

SO VOTED (5-0)

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. LaCourt requested Mr. Sullivan to schedule as agenda items for November:

- Quarterly report
- Recreation Center report including a year to year on summer programs ('05, '04, '03), attendance, cost of each program, net amount from each program, gross bottom line (projected to actual).

Mrs. Mahon reported that the Walter Boyle plaque at Hands Across Alewife would be replaced with a larger one that is privately funded. The Selectmen's Office will send a letter to the Memorial Committee.

Mrs. Mahon reported to Mr. Sullivan that Thorndike Field was damaged this past weekend by an over 30 men's league from Somerville. She will forward the names and information to Mr. Sullivan.

Mrs. Mahon requested the Board to initiate a "friend of the court filing" or a request for "an adjudicatory hearing" regarding CSO issues and a need for Arlington to stop the variance delays. This could put off dealing with raw sewerage for 2 years. Mrs. Dias suggested having the Town consultant write a letter. Mrs. Dias also stated that there needs to be a plan to eliminate CSO's in Cambridge, Belmont, and Arlington.

Mrs. Mahon asked Mr. Sullivan to contact Mr. Lasky on the status of the contamination project at Dillboy and report back to the Board on why and how and how to stop the issue.

Mrs. Mahon requested Jim Porter and Steve Boudreau, of the Menotomy Journal, as an agenda item for 10/24/05.

Mrs. Dias requested that Rep. Jay Kaufman's Bill regarding community based electric companies be an agenda item for 10/24/05.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Mrs. Dias reported that the O'Neill Development has received total approval from Cambridge. Mrs. Dias stated that every community should take into consideration surrounding communities with infrastructure regarding growth and development.

Mr. Greeley raised the question of pay regarding Mr. Fantini's appointment of interim Treasurer and Parking Clerk. It was agreed the Selectmen should negotiate an amount with Mr. Fantini.

Mr. Greeley made a motion to appoint Mr. Hurd to have a discussion and negotiate with Mr. Fantini and come back to the Board.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Mr. Sullivan reminded the Selectmen that there is a Rotary Club Meeting Wednesday at 7:30am at the American Legion Hall.

Mr. Maher reminded and invited everyone to the public meeting Wednesday night regarding Comcast Cable negotiations at the Town Hall auditorium at 7:00PM.

Mr. Hurd offered condolences to the family of Brud Faulkner regarding his death.

Mr. Hurd reported that he met with a group over the surface at the Lussiano Park, which has \$60,000 appropriated towards repairs. In addition the playground equipment also needs up-dating which is a major job. Mr. Sullivan recommended waiting on surface repairs until the outdated equipment is resolved. Mr. Hurd asked for the support of the other Selectmen.

Mr. Greeley moved to adjourn at 11:26 pm.

SO VOTED (5-0)

A True Record: Attest:

Mary Ann Sullivan

